

Reele et al. to provide digital communication of images does not provide an image transmission mode signal which indicates a type of transmission mode that is receivable by the selected receiving unit, as set forth in amended claim 4. Rather, the digital handshaking in Reele et al. indicates that a block of data will be transmitted. Once the data is received, the handshaking indicates that the data has been received so that new data can be sent. Such handshaking does not indicate what type of images the receiving unit is capable of receiving. In fact, such handshaking has nothing to do with the images or the image data format. See column 5, lines 32-38 of Reele et al., which teaches that a communication link is established between the cellular phone and the remote location, and a message is displayed on the display of the cellular phone indicating that the remote location is ready to receive. In contrast, the image transmission mode signal of the present invention is specific to the images, and indicates a specific format that the control processor must convert the image data to so that the images can be received by the selected receiving unit. This is neither disclosed nor suggested in Reele et al. Accordingly, amended claim 4 is believed to be patentable over Reele et al.

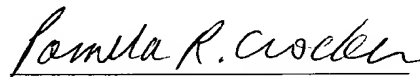
Furthermore, there is no motivation in either handshaking technology or Reele et al. to provide an image transmission mode signal, nor is there any suggestion thereof. Accordingly, amended claim 4 is believed to define unobvious subject matter. Claims 5-7 depend on amended claim 4, and therefore, are also believed to be patentable.

Claims 2, 3, and 8-10 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Reele et al.

By this amendment, claims 2 and 3 have been cancelled. Claims 8-10 depend on amended claim 4. Since amended claim 4 is believed to be patentable, as discussed above, claims 8-10 are also believed to be patentable and should be allowed along with amended claim 4.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that none of the references cited by the Examiner, taken singly or in combination, disclose the claimed invention. Accordingly, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance, the notice of which is respectfully requested.

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